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# THE SUPREME COURT ON THE the dynamic force to transcend tradition and nullify party affiliation

From the brief reports so far received.

hat the proposed rate is confiscatory, of a special class?

the proposed rate is constant, the Therefore, as matters now stand, the Therefore, as matters now stand, the DECLARATION. on immunity behing a Fedjunction would stand until the United water. Supreme Court hands down a

This decision is one of vital im-ortance and of far-reaching possibili-

not a judicial body.

The Virginia Supreme Court, pacity, not in a judicial capacity.

fourt, when acting in a rate-making & Federal Circuit Court. The intent of these weighty opin

fons is a heavy blow for the State Judiciary. The implied recognition of the validity of the Corporation Com-mission is a trifling offset to the subordination of the highest State court to an inferior Federal court. Euch a decision involves the whole of courts, and would seem to necessitate readjustment too radical to be \*moothly and easily accomplished.

### DEMOCRATIC PROTECTIONISTS.

That this is at present a high-tariff gress, that where some men get the benefit of a tariff wall other men are equally engitled to it, that home in-marry later than their ancestors." Yes, indeed, about 1,000 years later than Mustry ought not be injured by competition with cheap labor foreign some of them. products, that high turiff potentially means increased revenue, and that it does not necessarily mean increased prices to the consumer; these are the desire for protection always and everydesire for protection always and every-where begets. These are the argu-ments which the Danville Register, a particularly ingrained Democratic writing as a side-line, paper, arrays in behalf of the Danville Tobacco Association, which body while Tobacco Association, which body clares that Hearst will be chosen has asked Democratic representatives President in 1912. Has the Review in Congress to plead for a higher been added to the Brisbane string? in Congress to plead for a higher

tariff on certain import tobaccos. Those who essay to defend a Deme cratic demand for protection in the for ficult belief. Doubtless the Danville
Register states the full strength of
its case. Its personal opinion that
the imposition of the light. the imposition of the higher duty If Mr. Taft is looking for perfect would not be followed by any advance quiet during his Southern stay, why in price is interesting, but scarcely ald he overlook Charleston, S. C.?

authoritative. Its assertion that Turk.

We suppose that the first insurance with the control of th the American masses, and that it yet downwards to play Santa Claus save at a comes in direct competition with Vir. ginia tobacco, which is used by the This is the month when all the early birds of the nation will be found studi-Danville Register falls into a serious only doing their Christmas shopping error when it asserts that to give the late. Virginia growers the benefit of the People who work in glass factories same privileges now enjoyed by the should not throw stones at protection Connecticut growers is "in accord with after this." Virginia growers the benefit of the the Democratic position of equal rights the Democratic position of equal rights
to all." "Equal rights to all" does
not mean equal rights to all tobacco
not mean equal rights to all tobacco cher special class. "Equal rights to our new pact with Japan, it is not a all means, equal rights to all the misalliance."

Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser- is typical, something symptomatic of in Rahmond (and suburbs), Manches- the great change which seems to be

Sunday only ...... 5 cents Virginia tobacco men think and do is under act of growers. It is profoundly interesting

it is necessarily difficult to measure It is as natural for the Danville tothe full effect of the decision of the bacco men to wish for protection as United States Supreme Court in the it is for the home paper to defend Virginia rate cases. Yet it is evident them in their ambitions. Unofficial enough that the balance of victory in- Democrats are answerable only to volved in this decision lies all with their own consciences. But can the Technically for the State, in that it The Danville Register declares that verses Judge Pritchard, who enjoined Senators Martin and Daniel and Repre-State from putting the 2-cent rate sentutive Saunders have advised the into effect, the opinion substantially tobacco association that "they will be It sustains the roads' con- curing a higher tariff with the Ways to secure from as a governmental principle. It stands ing the Virginia Corporation Com- fundamentally for the greatest good It gives them the right to restrain the Virginia Supreme Court. It directs that the case sentatives "be pleased" to appear beretained on the docket of the Circuit fore a congressional committee and urt, which court has already ruled plead for a high tariff in the interests

eral injunction until the United States United States and Japan, the London Supreme Court shall decide whether or Standard says: "In plain English, it proposed rate is confiscatory. means an alliance for military and If the six months' period in which an naval operations." The semi-official could be taken has elapsed. Tokyo Kohumin, Premier Katsura's Pritchard's restraining order paper, declares that the pact is tantastands, and the roads have already mount to an offensive and defensive on their case. If this period has not alliance, explaining, so the Associated elapsed and an appeal may still be Press reports, that it "Is not called a scrub team at college."

Appeals, if it favors the State, will be tution." Opinions similar to these are subject to a fresh injunction from being freely appeals. to a fresh injunction from being freely expressed by observers Pritchard's court. Such an in- of diplomatics on this side of the

That is to say, if the pact is in intent and, we believe, in State has not already definitely lost effect, there should be no doubt whatits case, it cannot in any case put its ever as to its nature. The treaty-makies. Apart from its immediate effects ing to usurp it. There seems, in fact, ties. Apart from its immediate effects ing to usurp it. There seems, in fact, in the case at issue, and as affecting future procedure in this State, the clause only in the joint declaration suggests any suspicion of an are memorable; "alliance," and that is no more than a punch.

Subaltern (to pretty widow, newly-arrived at indian Hill Station): "I say, might I bold your hand?" Pretty Widow: "Certainly not Your colones wife hasn't called on me yet."— Punch. (1) The Virginia State Corporation mutual pledge to "communicate." Yet Seeing the Sport. Commission is a valid rate-making where doubt exists on so important The Virginia State Corporation abroad, it should be authoritatively Commission, when it acts in a rate- dispelled. The entire informality with making capacity, is a legislative body, which the two notes published to-day when it reviews the act of a rate-making body, acts in a legislative ca-(4) The Virginia State Corporation not regarded as in any sense binding emmission and the Virginia Supreme would set all uncertainty at rest.

tariff on petroleum is necessary.

"A lecturer objects," says the Wash-

Our statistical department announces that up to this date 791 editors, in commenting upon the divorce statistics, have employed the sterling phrase, Whither are we drifting?

The London Saturday Review de-

Needless to say, "Vested Rights" Tim Woodruff deserves a lot of credit for retiring from a senatorial race in which he never had a look in.

## Borrowed Jingles

dogs.

Experiments under a competent expert have been made in Prussia during the last few months with Western Pennsylvania coal: to determine its comparative value with German coals, and the results of the comparation are said to be highly gratifying analyshow the superiority of the Pennsylvania coal.

show the superiority of the Pennsylvania coal.

Mrs. H. Munsterberg finished this last summer a large portrait of Prof. Munsterberg, which she took with her to Berlin'. A part of the summer she spent in Berlin and Patis, studying the galleries, and also did a certain amount of sketching in her heme in an old historic town of Alsace.

Prince Ferdinand's assumption of the title of "King of Bulgaria" makes the number of reigning monarchs celonging to the Saxe-Coburg-totha family four. This most prolific of royal races furnishes King Edward of England with niesy-two living relations, fifty-five of these being direct descendants of Queen Victoria.

Mr. William J. Lecke, who has invented a number of delightful people and put them is to stories for the solace of mankind, has been in this country about two weeks, and will stay here about two weeks more. Most of his time he has spent in New York, but he is also going to inspect Boston and Wushington.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the

Washington.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford University, ears that in the development of American universities educators must separate the lower two classes from the upper two, the present freshmen and sephonore classes to be absorbed by small colleges or supplemental high schools, making the junler year the draw in university training.

To Teach Post-Office Methods.

Postmaster-General Meyer's suggestion that postmasters go into the schools and show the pupils how properly to superscribe letters is a good one. The department does not care particularly how the missives are phrased, but with the dead letter office working overtime it is interested in how they are "backed." Last year more than 13,00,000 pieces of mall matter reached that office because the post-offices were unable to deliver them. A little simple instruction from those who handle letters will help those who write them, and the correspondence sent to the literary morgue in Washington will become less. Incidentally the postal officials, if the arrangement is made, will tell the pupils a lot about the way the business is handled-something of which the public has only a very vague and general notion—Lowell Courier-Citizon.

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brush as she is with her pen. She is the youngest sister of the German Empress, and has persistently declined all offers of marriage since the tragic death of her flance, Duke Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who, while in command of a torpedo boat, was lost with his entire crew in a hurricane that swept over the Baltic Sea. She might have been queen of Haly had she consented to change her religion, conversion from Luthcranism having been exacted from her in the event of her becoming the wife of the present King of Italy. But her views on the subject of religion are rather pronounced, and have constituted, like her constancy to her dead flance, an obstacle to several other matrimonial alliances within her reach.